Medical practitioners in grant-in-aid dispensaries—selection to regular State service.

291. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any medical practitioner in charge of a grant-in-aid dispensary has ever been selected to the regular State Medical service;

(b) if so, who are the persons so selected and when were they selected;

(c) had any such been selected during the last 5 years?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes.

(b) Mr. C. V. George 3—1—1106.
Mr. A. Joseph 2—3—1106.

(c) Vide answer to (b) above.

Line boats—fixing the rates leviable from passengers.

292. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—Are the Government aware:—

(1) that there is keen competition between the line boat owners;

(2) do they propose to fix the rates leviable from passengers to avoid competition?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) There are a good number of line boats running and it is understood that there is competition.

(2) Steps are being taken to fix the rates leviable from passengers.

Kemal Boat Service—petition from.

293. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—Will the Government state:—

(1) whether any petition dated 10th Chingam 1111 was received by the Assistant Engineer from the Proprietors, Kemal Boat Service;

(2) whether and when the Assistant Engineer sent a reply?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— (1) Yes;

(2) Yes; on 6th Kanni 1111.

Inspection fees—boats of different sizes.

294. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Referring to cut motion No. 20 of this House, dated 20th of Karkadagam 1109, regarding the standard of taxation of motor and steam boats when the Hon'ble Member for Engineering has observed, "He wants a gradation for boats between 1 ton and 99 tons. I can only say that I shall consider this question and submit the report to the Govment. I consider there is some force in the argument put forth by the Member since most of the boats running in our backwaters are less than 100 tons in capacity", (Refer page 536 of the Official Report), will the Government state what they have done in furtherance of the assurance under reference?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The proposal to fix a graduated scale of inspection fees for boats of different sizes up to 100 tons is being considered by Government along with the revision of the Canal rules.

Notice boards at tolls, landing places, ferries, etc.

295. **Mr. K. Ayyappan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have accepted a recommendation moved in the Council to put up notice boards giving levies, etc., at tolls, landing places, ferries, etc; and

(2) whether they have made any arrangement to carry out the recommendation?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Notice boards giving timings of boats have already been put up at the Ernakulam, Mattancheri and Kottappuram Canal jetties. Action is being taken to put up another board giving rates of levies.

Water Works Supervisor—appointment of.

296. **Mr. George Parakkal.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the reason for bifurcating the post of the Mechanical Equipment Supervisor and the Water Works Supervisor;

(b) what are the qualifications required for appointment as Supervisors in the department according to the Service Regulation;

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